

**THE NORTH HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
5 LINSLEY STREET
NORTH HAVEN, CONNECTICUT**

MINUTES

Date: September 10, 2009

Attendance at this REGULAR Meeting: John Lambert, Sandra Cummings, Alicia Clapp, Steve DiCapua, Suzanne Donofrio, Gerald Feinberg, Carole Franceschet, James Hogan, Debbie Volain, Patricia K. Brozek, Assistant Superintendent, and Sara-Jane R. Querfeld, Superintendent of Schools

Meeting called to order by Chairman John Lambert at 7:30 p.m

1. Approval of Minutes of July 9, 2009

Moved: to approve the Minutes of July 9, 2009

Approved

MOVED: James Hogan
SECOND: Sandra Cummings
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

2. Budgets:
 - a. 2009-2010 Budget
 - b. State and Federal Funds
 - c. Extra-Curricular Activities

Mr. Lambert requested clarification of line 520A that shows there is a deficit of \$58,000.00 on liability insurance in the first part of our school year. Mr. Gomeau explained that CIRMA gave us a 3% increase but later increased our share of the insurance without informing the Board of Education. CIRMA is our insurance company. Mr. Gomeau stated that there was some confusion with the Town and CIRMA was going to straighten everything out and the money would be put back in. Mrs. Querfeld stated that and she will get confirmation that the money would be put back. Mrs. Querfeld was directed to write a letter to the First Selectman asking for an explanation.

Moved: to accept budget reports and place them on file

Approved

MOVED: Steve DiCapua
SECOND: Carole Franceschet
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

3. Recognition of District and School Teachers of the Year

Mrs. Querfeld recognized North Haven's Teacher of the Year 2009, Jeanne Savoia, Fifth Grade Teacher at Green Acres School. Mrs. Querfeld stated that Mrs. Savoia represents the district well and referred to her as a "teacher's teacher". Mrs. Savoia accepted the honor and is happy to give back to North Haven. The other district Teacher's of the Year were: Nancy Snow, Clintonville Elementary School, Rosie York, Montowese Elementary School, Kate Corcoran, Ridge Road Elementary School, Mary Ann Hardy, North Haven High School, and Anthony Giamattei, North Haven Middle School

4. Reports on SAT/AP/CAPT/CMT

Mrs. Querfeld and Mr. Piazza reported on the CMT scores (see CMT Reports)
Mr. Pettola, North Haven High School Assistant Principal reported on the CAPT scores (see CAPT Report)
Ms. Carr, Guidance Department Chair reported on the SAT/AP scores (see attached)

Janet Devlin is concerned with the CAPT Requirements regarding graduation stating that some laws have changed. Mr. Dallai, NHHS Principal, stated that he is willing to go over her concerns and explain what the school is doing to help students that may have trouble passing CAPT, to do so.

5. Report of Standing Committees

a. Finance and Operations

1. 2009-2010 Re-appropriated Budget

Moved: to accept the 2009-2010 re-appropriated budget

Approved

MOVED: Gerald Feinberg
SECOND: Carole Franceschet
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

2. Approval of the Lease of the Maintenance Building

Moved: to approve the lease of the Maintenance Building

Approved

MOVED: John Lambert
SECOND: James Hogan
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Mr. DiCapua stated there were some issues with the Boilers at the High School. He stated that there are three boilers that need to be repaired/replaced at a cost of approximately \$30,000 per boiler, which are only four years old. Mr. DiCapua reported that the Board will be spending money to repair those boilers, and requesting reimbursement for them. He stated they will be working with the Building Committee to take care of these issues.

b. Personnel

1. Ratification of teachers hired in June, July, and August (attached)

Moved: to approve the ratification of teachers hired in June, July and August

Approved

MOVED: John Lambert
SECOND: Suzanne Donofrio
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

2. Approval of resignation of Mary Van Deun, North Haven Middle School (attached)

Moved: to approve the resignation of Mary Van Deun, North Haven Middle School

Approved

MOVED: John Lambert
SECOND: Carole Franceschet
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Mrs. Lambert states he accepts her resignation with gratitude for all that she did and best wishes.

c. Curriculum, Instruction and Planning

1. Approval of revision of the Weighted Grading Program

Moved: the Board voted to table the Approval of the revision of the Weighted Grading Program at this time.

MOVED: John Lambert
SECOND: Alicia Clapp
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

2. Approval of amendments to Graduation Requirements

Moved: to approve the amendments to Graduation Requirements

Approved

MOVED: John Lambert
SECOND: Alicia Clapp
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

3. Approval of Wellness Policy

Moved: the board voted to table the Approval of the Wellness Policy for further discussion at Curriculum, Instruction and Planning meeting on September 14, 2009.

MOVED: John Lambert
SECOND: Gerald Feinberg
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

6. ACES

Mrs. Clapp reported that CAMS is only taking high school students next year. There will be no middle school students accepted to CAMS. Mrs. Clapp reported they reviewed all testing scores as well. She also stated that Wintergreen Magnet School is getting additional funding from the State of Connecticut. Mrs. Clapp stated that there was a curriculum update. She reported that Dr. Edmonson has been named Chair of the Rest Groups, groups throughout the State that are similar to ACES. Mrs. Clapp reported that they talked about Blue Ribbon testing which she found to be interesting.

7. North Haven PTA Council

Mrs. Volain reported that there is no PTA Council until the end of September.

8. School Building Committee

There was no School Building Committee meeting at this time.

9. Superintendent's Report

a. Enrollment

Mrs. Querfeld reported district enrollment went from 3823 students last year 3733 for the 2009-2010. She stated that enrollment has evened off as a result of re-districting.

b. Residency

Ms. Brozek reported that she withdrew 12 students as of July 1st. Ms. Brozek reported with an additional 40 that did not re-register. She stated that there were an additional 12 students proven to not be residents as of the start of school.

Mrs. Querfeld reported the following:

- The President's speech
- 2009 Graduate, Fiona Wood received a scholarship from the Davidson Institute for Talent Development. She received a \$10,000.00 scholarship.
- Sue Bass and Ann Cappetta had some of their work published in the book "Comprehensive Mentoring Program for New Teachers", which is put out by the State of Connecticut. Mrs. Querfeld said she is very proud and honored with that accomplishment
- Natasia Domina received a \$5,000 grant from Sprint, the Character Education Grant.

- Ann Cappetta was a presenter at the Summer Arts Institute at Yale University
- Anthony Giammatei is being recognized by the Connecticut School Counselor Association
- H1N1 Virus Update

10. Public Comments

Mr. Amato brought up the traffic issues on Bailey Road and his dissatisfaction with the new signs put up. He and Mr. Gomeau discussed some other options they may have.

Mr. Warner asked questions regarding residency and the amount of money the Town was saving on that, and commended Ms. Brozek on all of her hard work with residency.

11. Executive Session: NHEA Arbitration Settlement

Moved: to go into executive session at 9:35 p.m.

Approved

MOVED: Sandra Cummings
 SECOND: James Hogan
 AYE: 9
 NAY: 0
 ABSTAIN: 0

Returning from executive session at 9:50 p.m.

Moved: to accept and finalized the proposed NHEA Arbitration settlement

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp
 SECOND: James Hogan
 AYE: 9
 NAY: 0
 ABSTAIN: 0

12. Adjournment

Moved: to adjourn at 9:50 p.m.

Approved

MOVED: Gerald Feinberg
 SECOND: Alicia Clapp
 AYE: 9
 NAY: 0
 ABSTAIN: 0

Respectfully submitted,

John Lambert
 Chairman